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# Program Digs Up Truth About Soils at Hidden Pond

Whether deep in swamp mire or just beneath our feet, there's life all around us. Living things are everywhere; it's just a matter of knowing where and how to look for them. On Friday, September 21, 2007 from 4 to 5 p.m., come to Hidden Pond Nature Center in Springfield for Ponderings – Deep Down, an educational nature program where kids can get down and dirty while learning about soils and searching for living creatures.

Before venturing outdoors, participants will examine soil samples indoors and learn their basic properties. Then, the group will dig up dirt around the park to look for differences in soil composition. Be prepared to unearth various worms and ground beetles, and look out for speedy millipedes and centipedes. The staff naturalist will also explore how fungus thrives in certain soil types.

This fun and educational program is appropriate for children ages 6 to 10 years. The cost is \$4 per person. Due to limited space, reservations are required. Dress to get dirty.

Hidden Pond Nature Center is located at 8511 Greeley Blvd. Springfield, VA.

For reservations or more information, please call 703-451-9588 or visit

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hiddenpond/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hiddenpond/).

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